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SUBJECT: SOVIET REQUEST ON BEHALF OF CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER

1. MISOFF GLENNON LUNCHEONED JUNE 22, 1978 WITH FIRST
SECRETARY YURY SHCHERBAKOV, SOVIET MISSION, AT HIS REQUEST.
PURPOSE OF LUNCHEON INVITATION TURNED OUT TO BE A
DISCUSSION OF CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER CASE.

2. SHCHERBAKOV MADE THREE REQUESTS:

(1) HE ASKED THAT WE DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT
THEIR PENDING APPEAL FOR A REDUCTION OF BAIL.
SHCHERBAKOV'S FIRST ARGUMENT WAS THAT DOBRYNIN'S ASSURANCE
THAT THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL WAS TANTAMOUNT TO AN
ASSURANCE FROM CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV WHOM HE REPRESENTS IN THIS
COUNTRY. SHCHERBAKOV ALSO ARGUED THAT CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER
HAD NOT ACTUALLY RECEIVED CLASSIFIED INFORMATION SINCE THE
DOCUMENTS THEY REPORTEDLY RECEIVED WERE CONTROLLED BY FBI.
IT WAS EXPLAINED TO SHCHERBAKOV THAT BAIL WAS NOT SET ON
BASIS OF WHAT THEY HAD RECEIVED BUT ON THEIR INTENT AND
WHAT THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE RECEIVING.

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(2) SHCHERBAKOV'S SECOND REQUEST WAS THAT WHILE THEY
ARE IN PRISON CHERNYAYEV/ENGER SHOULD BE TREATED AS
POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SEPARATED FROM ORDINARY CRIMINALS.
HE CLAIMS THAT THEY ARE IN SAME CELL WITH MURDERER OF FIVE
PEOPLE.

(3) THE THIRD REQUEST CONCERNED THIRD SECRETARY

VLADIMIR ZINYAKIN. SHCHERBAKOV CLAIMS THAT FBI TOOK CERTAIN CLOTHING FROM ZINYAKIN. HE LISTED A SHIRT, A JACKET AND AN OUTER JACKET. SHCHERBAKOV STATED THAT ZINYAKIN IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE RETURNED TO HIM HIS DENIM JACKET. HIS DESCRIPTION OF DENIM WAS THAT IT IS OF THE SAME MATERIAL AS JEANS, WHICH ARE VERY EXPENSIVE AND HARD TO COME BY IN SOVIET UNION.

3. MISOFF STATED HE WOULD CONVEY REQUESTS TO DEPT. YOUNG

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